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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SEPT 16 CINCINNATI SPEECH - MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 222166

1. SAW FONOFF USEC MIRGHANI SEPT 20 TO OHAND HIM COPY SECRETARY'S CINCINNATI SPEECH. I STRESSED THIS WAS MAJOR ENUNCIATION FOREIGN POLICY WHICH WE HOPED WOULD BE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY. PARTICULARLY CAREFUL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MIDDLE EAST PROTION. I THEN READ MIRGHANI 4TH AND 5TH PARAS OF PASSAGE CONTAINED PARA 4 REFTEL, EMPHASIZING OUR DESIRE MAINTAIN MOMENTUM.

2. MIRGHANI'S REACTION WAS PARTICULARLY POSITIVE TO SECRETARY'S REFERENCE TO SYRIA. HE SAID NIMEIRI HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED
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ASSAD, AND VOLUNTEERED THAT PRESIDENT HAD BEEN JUST AS FIRM IN SUPPORTING THE SINAI ACCORDS IN HIS PRIVATE RESPONSES AS HAD BEEN OFFICIAL GOS STATEMENT (KHARTOUM 2105). NIMEIRI HAD TOLD SYRIAN CHARGE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT OBJECTED TO FIRST DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS AND HAD ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT WAS SO DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS SECOND ONE. I TOLD MIRGHANI THAT I WAS SURE SUDANESE POSITION ON SINAI ACCORDS HAD BEEN FAVORABLY NOTED IN WASHINGTON.

3. COMMENT: REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS WERE MOST TIMELY AS NIMEIRI RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM ASSAD ON MIDDLE EAST ON SEPT 17 AND PRESS REPORTS ASSAD'S PERSONAL ENVOY, MUTAAB SHANAN, ARRIVED LATE SEPT 20 WITH ANOTHER SPECIAL MESSAGE. CLEARLY THE MORE THAT EFFECT CAN BE GIVEN TO OUR DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE SYRIAN NEGOTIATION, THE EASIER IT WILL BE FOR SUCH SPEAR-BEARERS AS NIMEIRI TO SUSTAIN THEIR SUPPORT FOR SADAT'S STATESMANLIKE POSITION.
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